

I am the good Shepherd.

John 10:11

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I AM THE DOOR OF THE SHEEP. John 10:7.

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"Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved." —V. 1.

Dear Reader, what is your heart's desire? Upon it depends the direction that your life will take, whether it be for God or for the devil. A heart filled with desire for the things of this world, openly, or even more serious, secretly, does not lead God's way. A heart filled with the desire for ease, for satisfaction of self, does not please God. The rich fool desired only these earthly riches. The saying "What the heart is full of, the mouth runneth over with" is deep truth. One's life — thoughts words or actions can be no better than the heart. It is the spring-board, as it were, for all our life. That is where God looks.

Take note of Paul's desire. It was simply this, the salvation of his people. Earthly treasure meant nothing more to Paul than a means of upholding his "earthly tabernacle" for the fulfilling of his service for Christ. His desire emanated from his love to Jesus Christ, which was in turn kindled by Christ Himself. We sometimes sing "Lord, lay some soul upon my heart, and love that soul through me". Paul had such a desire, intense indeed, as he prayed for his people who were rejecting the only Savior who could help them. This love of Christ was such a force in Paul's life, that he was willing even to be accursed from Christ if only his people might be saved.

Here then, is a verse of Scripture to check ourselves on. Is my heart's desire for the salvation of others?

Such a heart's desire as Paul had can come only from a heart surrendered unto God. It was not his heart according to nature that was so charitable, but it was the new heart which God alone can implant in a sinner. Paul felt and knew very keenly the strength of his old Adam, but greater was his knowledge of the strength and grace of Christ.

Reader, have you received the new heart that loves God, and all His creatures? God uses the "new heart" persons in His kingdom.

Paul realized the unconverted state of his fellow-countrymen. They were going about under the delusion that their own righteousness was good enough, whereas Scripture tells us that in God's sight it is as filthy rags. Is not this situation repeated among us today? They had a zeal for God, to be sure, but not "according to knowledge", the revealed Word of God. All zeal for God is not Christian. The zeal for God that stands the test is that which comes with submitting oneself completely unto the righteousness of God.

Is your zeal misplaced? Are there any within your congregation whose zeal is misplaced similar to that of the Jews of old. Do you know of any outside your congregation whose zeal is misplaced? All these questions cannot be answered with a negative. What then? This situation gives you opportunity for doing what Paul did. Believe Christ! Confess Christ! Pray! Salvation is not far from any one of us. It is not necessary to scale the heights, nor plumb the depths, by one's own efforts, to win salvation. "The Word is nigh thee". It is this Word that the Christian believes, and lives on. It is the Word of power.

The prayer of Paul for his people is the prayer of the Christian church in all ages. An important question: does the Church's message — salvation, the kingdom of God — mean so much to you that you join in this great work of prayer for the unsaved, and of confession of Christ by word and deed. May God quicken us to renewed faith and love that each may join in prayer and service of Christ for the conversion of our people from sin, to worship and serve the living God! Amen!

—E. H.



Monday, October 8th, is Thanksgiving Day. Surely we have reason to thank God for His many blessings. We should thank Him for The Church with its Word and Sacraments; we should thank Him for opened doors and new workers; we should thank Him for the victory that has come to our land. O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good and His mercy endureth forever.

NEW WORKERS

Picture taken after ordination service, Sunday July 8, 1945



Left to right: Dr. J. R. Lavik, Candidates: Harold Melby, Harold Severtson, Osborne Olsen. Dr. O. K. Storaasli, Dr. J. A. Aasgaard, Candidate Henning Olsen, Pastor G. J. Ostrem, and candidate Missionary Gerhard Ostrem.



Three of the five charter members still living: Left to right Barbara Finseth (daughter of Bersvend Anderson) George Bruce, and Mrs. Kvalley.

BARDO GOLDEN JUBILEE

Bardo Congregation, Rev. G. J. Ostrem's Parish, near Tofield, Alberta, has celebrated its 50th Anniversary.

Fifty years of blessings from God thru the Word and Sacraments. Fifty years of building the Christian Church.

Former Pastors: O. K. Blomlie of Tacoma, Wash. and A. M. Vinge of Camrose, Alta., Dr. A. J. Bergsaker, General Secretary of N.L.C.A., Circuit pastors: M. S. Johnson, Theo. Bergée and G. J. Ostrem, Missionary Gerhard Ostrem home on furlough from Colombia, So. America, and Rev. Benjamin Ostrem from Rothsay, Minn., all had a part in making the Anniversary a success.

The Theme for the Anniversary was: "Building the Christian Church; Its Past, The Present, The Future".

Bardo congregation was organized by Rev. Bersvend Anderson in 1895. Of the 16 charter members 5 are still living. Three of these were present at this meeting: Mrs. Barbara Finseth, George Bruce, and Mrs. Kvalley.

Other former pastors not being able to be present on account of illness are: A. T. Hjortas of Macrorie, Sask., C. L. Jothan,

Crooked River, Sask. and N. A. Bjelde, Vancouver, B.C.

Those having served, and now not longer among the living are: Pastors Bersvend Anderson, T. T. Carlson, A. Hanson, and Chr. Hoversten. God bless their memory.

Over 30 years ago when the Peace River country in north-west Alberta opened for settlement, many of the Bardo members together with Missionary H. N. Ronning moved to Peace River and thus became charter members in organizing congregations in that area.

Missionaries have gone forth from this congregation: Rev. and Mrs. Palmer Anderson, Chester and Talbert Ronning.

It has also laid much stress on Sunday School work and Parochial school, thus keeping the young people for the Church.

There are especially two Spiritual Awakenings that have had a moulding influence on the congregation, the first one at the time Missionary H. N. Ronning lived at Bardo; the second during the Evangelistic work of Rev. G. M. Trygstad, not to forget the importance of the prayer-meetings carried on by the members, and the faithful ministry of the pastors serving the congregation.

TOPICS OF INTEREST

The Brook

Thanksgiving thoughts suggested to me that there are many similarities between the thankful heart and the brook.

The brook goes on its way rejoicing because it has received something from a higher source. Up in the woodlands, or in the mountains or hills there is a spring or lake, that day and night supplies the little brook with its cool, refreshing water. God has supplied all our wants also this year and has poured into our bosom blessings without number. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and cometh down from the Father of lights" (James 1:17). Trickle along little brook and rejoice in the gifts of His love.

More important than the material gifts so abundantly bestowed are the spiritual blessings that are awaiting an outlet into our lives. God wants His love, mercy and grace to flow into our souls. The terrain of our souls, however, was such that there was no natural connection. So God had to make one. This He did for us when we were baptized into Christ. Parents and sponsors were to keep that channel open during our childhood. Adult years having arrived, that responsibility now rests with us. Let us take care lest the boulders of unbelief and the slime and slush of worldliness obstruct the channel. Connected with the water supply the brook can continue to witness and sing, "I am so glad there is water above." As long as God's grace is permitted to flow into our souls, the course of our life as it meanders through the days and the years shall likewise witness to His grace and sing praises to our Father in Heaven.

A brook that decides to quit flowing and keep all the water to itself becomes a slough, stagnant and putrid. Souls that would keep all of God's blessings to themselves become selfish and repulsive. We need that sense of responsibility and stewardship which makes us hurry along to share our blessings with those along life's thirsty landscape.

May melodies of praise and thanksgiving sound from our lives as we draw from the source of God's inexhaustible grace in Christ, and as our lives issue in glad service to others.

—A. K. H.

Thanksgiving Day

A nation, Lord, which Thou hast blessed
With mercies rich and free,
Repairs unto Thy holy house
To praise and worship Thee.

We praise Thee for the harvests reaped,
The stores of golden grain,
The cattle on a thousand hills,
The sunshine and the rain.

We praise Thee for the nation's health,
And for the nation's peace,
That right and truth abiding stand,
And justice does not cease.

We praise Thee that Thy holy church
Is precious in Thy sight,
That still it sheds enlightening beams,
Illumining earth's black night.

We praise Thee for our happy homes,
With all their comforts given,
For joyous meetings round the hearths,
The foretastes sweet of heaven.

We praise Thee that the heart to praise
Is Thine own gift of love,
And that our praises join today
With nobler praise above.

Let praises in loud anthems swell,
Let songs of joy arise,
And sweetest incense of the heart
Ascend unto the skies.

—T. M. Eastwood.

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Bardo Congregation of Tofield, Alberta is the first congregation in our district to celebrate the Fiftieth Anniversary. Pastor Bersvend Anderson was the first Lutheran pastor in the West. It is rumored that when he was called to this field it was stipulated that he was to serve in "Kanada og omegn" — Canada and vicinity. Those who have looked into the ministerial record of Bardo congregation are aware of the extent of this first pastor's travels. Many pastors have served Bardo since that time.

God has blessed Bardo in a special way. Two awakenings have swept the congregation and the fruits are still evident. Bardo is a praying congregation. Through the fifty years it has been used by God in the lives of many.

We join in congratulating this congregation. May the Lord give grace to keep the light burning.

The Board of Charities in its meeting at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan made the following decisions:

"That an Old People's Home be located in Saskatoon, provided the city and provincial authorities satisfy the requirements of the Board"

and further:

Whereas we are of the opinion that it is necessary to have two "homes" in Canada District, be it resolved what we recommend to the next meeting of Canada District that they authorize the "Board" to provide an Old People's Home also in Alberta as soon as possible."

The Board was faced with a difficult question. No definite place has yet been secured. Whether the "Requirements of the Board" will be met in Saskatoon remains to be seen.

A Pastoral Conference of Edmonton and Camrose Circuits will be held at the Lutheran Parsonage, Camrose Circuits will be held at the Lutheran Parsonage, Camrose on Wednesday October 3rd.

The Canadian Board of the Colombia will meet at the Parsonage at 7:30 of the same day.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Yorkton Circuit Meeting will be held in Aarnes Church, south of Kandahar, the 26th, 27th and 28th of October. The text is Matt. 9:35—38. Delegates and visitors are expected from every congregation in the Circuit. Let us unite in prayer for laborers in the Lord's harvest.

Josef B. Haave,
Circuit Secretary.

A Life Ablaze

I saw a human life ablaze with God;
I felt a power divine,
As through an empty vessel of frail clay
I saw God's glory shine.
Then woke I from a dream, and cried aloud:
"My Father, give to me
The blessing of a life consumed by God,
That I may live for Thee."

—Lutheran Outlook.



Diamond Wedding

A large number of relatives and friends gathered at the Saron Lutheran church near Hagen on Sunday July 22, to honor Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Finnestad who celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary on July 19th.

A program of songs and speeches was given in their honor. A song was sung by the children of the couple. Mr. O. Jacobson and Leif Jacobson rendered a duet. Mrs. O. Jacobson recited the poem "The Prophet Elias." Mr. E. Haave and Mr. Ganes spoke on behalf of the congregation and friends and Mrs. O. Hanson on behalf of the family. The honored couple was presented with a purse of money. Mr. and Mrs. Finnestad responded, thanking for the gift and the honor shown them.

A reception was held in the church parlors where a luncheon was served to all present. Mr. and Mrs. Finnestad were both born in Norway in 1862 and later emigrated to America. They were united in marriage in 1885. To this union ten children were born. Two of these died early in life. All the children were present at the festivities. Mrs. O. Storbo, Slocan Park, B.C. Mrs. O. Hanson, Blue Earth, Minn.; Mrs. M. Skaar, Glenside, Peter of Keeler, Melfred, Hoey, Mrs. J. Nelson, Albert and Leonard of Prince Albert.

Mr. and Mrs. Finnestad have 47 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren. They are active members of Saron Congregation.

Pioneer passes at 89½ years

Even Sivertson, pioneer in the Hanley community, passed away at the ripe age of 89 years, 5 months, and 28 days. Prior to his death, he had fallen and fractured his wrist and shoulder, and was hospitalized for the last two months of his life.

He was born in Oyer, Gulbrandsdalen, Norway on Feb. 28, 1856, and emigrated to La Crosse, Wisconsin at the age of 17 years. He worked on the railroad for some time, and then for over twenty years worked in a La Crosse sawmill. He was an active worker in St. Paul's Lutheran church of that city, and helped with the building of the present edifice.

In 1883 he married Rachael Hauge, who was born in Gloppen, Nordfjord, Norway and to this union were born three children, Melvin, now of Hawarden, Sask., and Carl S. and (Mrs.) Agnes De Wolf, both of Saskatoon.

Mr. Sivertson moved to the Hawarden community from Wisconsin in 1904, and was one of the pioneer settlers in that section. He was also an active worker in the establishment and building of Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

He retired and came to Saskatoon to live in April, 1919, where he resided until his death, Aug. 25, 1945. Funeral services were conducted in Zion Lutheran Church on Aug. 28th.

While health permitted he was also an active worker in the church in Saskatoon, and was one of the charter members, who built the present Zion Lutheran Church. His interest in a new church building for Zion was very great, and he regretted that he could not be along to help also in this. God blessed him with many years, and he rejoiced in the blessings of his Saviour.

—O. K. Storaasli.

For the first time since the Lutheran Bible Hour from station CFQC came into being, the broadcasts have been continued through the summer. This has been achieved as a result of the fine cooperation of our DISTRICT W.M.F. Soon the sponsoring schools, Luther Theological Seminary and Saskatchewan Lutheran Bible Institute will resume their broadcasts. Again we invite your suggestions. Again we solicit your support in prayer. Again we remind you that these broadcasts are made possible through the free-will contributions of our listeners. At this writing our broadcasting treasury is empty. We count on you to soon remedy this situation.

—G. O. Evenson.

NORGESBREV

Til venner i Canada!

Det føles underlig at faa sætte sig til at skrive Amerikabrev igjen efter over fem aars forløp. Vilde gjerne ha skrevet til rigtig mange av mine venner nu, og det skal nok komme. Men foreløbig gaar det bare flygepost, og da vil jeg forsøke at rekke flest mulig med en hilsen gjennom Vennen.

Tunge tider har vi døiet i Norge under okupationstiden. Tænker nok at dere paa andre siden av havet har fulgt med begivenhetene og utviklingen her. Men likevel blir det helt anderledes at gjennomleve det.

Tænk at vaakne op om morgenen den 9de april 1940, og faa høre at tyskerne hadde besat store deler av landet vort. Det var en frygtelig følelse og frygtelig blev de ukene som fulgte mens krigens paagik i Norge. Jeg var i virksomhet oppe paa Nordmøre da. Den første tanke var selvfølgelig at komme mig hjem til mine. Vi har bodd paa Mysen i Østfold under krigen, og da var det lang vei at fare. Men da jeg tok ut med samme lykkedes det mig at komme gjennom mens veiene var farbare. Den mest spenningsfulde tur som jeg nogen gang har hatt var det; men Herren var med. Den 91de Salme gav god trøst og hvile da. Paa Mysen hadde vi en festning og var meget utsat. Og da jeg kom hjem den 10de var folket mit allerede evakuert. Jeg fandt dem igjen ute paa prestegaarden i Eidsberg. Men opholdet paa prestegaarden blev ikke av lang varighet. Det brygget op til slag ved Glomma, og prestegaarden laa for aapent og frit til beskytning. Saa efter et par dagers forløp saa maatte vi flytte derfra. Paa en gaard laengre ute i bygden fik vi komme ind, og der hadde vi det godt baade hvad hus og mat angaar mens evakueringen varte. Slaget begynte ved Glomma, og vore tropper kunde ikke staa sig længe mot overmagten. De maatte trække sig fort tilbake. Ind i Sverige tilslut. Tyskerne besatte stedene efter hvert østover. Mysen blev besat allerede den 14de april. Vi fandt igjen alt vort som vi forlot det da vi kom hjem. Men det var en underlig følelse at se hele stedet fuldt av tyskere og krigsmateriel, og saa vite at vi var et hærtat folk. Det blev en spennende tid fremover. Det vekslet mellom frygt og haab. Sommereen 1940 saa det helst mørkt ut for os. Da det gik i stykker i Frankrike i juni kan dere tro at modet stod ikke saa høit i Norge. Det var som vi maatte forsøke at begynde at gjøre os fortrolige med den forfærdelige tanke at vi skulde forbli under tyskenes aak.

Den politiske linje var ogsaa uklar fremover sommeren. Og det var ikke saa litet av vakling mellom vort folk. Men saa kom 25de september med oppløsning av alle politiske partier, avsettelsen av konge og storting osv. Saa saart som det var saa kan vi likevel se paa det som at tyskerne gjorde os en tjeneste ved det. Stillingen blev klar. Den som vilde se maatte da skjønne at Norge skulde ind under Tyskland, og det tyske diktatur med den kommisariske ledelse som allerede var godt forberedt ved Terboven. Og Nasjonal Samling som da blev det eneste lovlige, politiske parti i Norge blev selvfølgelig tyskenes lakeier. Ja, nasistene av vore egne har vært et kapittel for sig selv under krigen. Som godt er har de vært i faatal over alt. Men til gjengjæld har de utnyttet alle anledninger til at øve sin magt i ly av den tyske bajonet. Dette glæder dem alle fra Quisling til den yngste hirdgut. I mange tilfælder har de vært endda værre end tyskerne. Men i dag faar de svare for det.

Efter at Terboven overtok begynte for-

ordninger og paabud av alle slag at komme. Det har saa at si ikke kommet en avis uten at den indeholdt en eller flere forordninger. Og saa meget løgn som vi har faat os servert. Ja, vi maatte lære os til at stemple som løgn alt som vi læste i avisene. Selv det som kunde se ut som sandhet maatte vi ta med det største forbehold. Og da de saa tok ifra os radioen, og satte dødsstraf for den som lyttet paa London kom vi helt utenfor alt. Skjønt at faa radioen helt bort magtet de likevel ikke. Megen god nyhetstjeneste blev utført med stor risiko under krigen. Terror og grusomheter har det vært nok av. Hvad vore fanger har lidd er det ingen som aner. Flere av vore naboer har sittet inde. Og bank som forslaar har de faat. Den romerske hudfletting kommer i skyggen for tyskenes metoder.

Saa sørgelig som det var at Amerika skulde komme med i krigen ogsaa denne gangen saa kan jeg ikke si andet end at det var en vældig opmuntring for os da det hendte. Vel trodde vi nok paa seier og befrielse før ogsaa; men vi blev saa meget sikrere da. Og sandelig kom de tungt ogsaa. Amerika gjorde en vældig indsats denne gangen. Alle de befridde land er dem stor tak skyldig.

Ingen aner hvilken utløsning av jubel og glæde fredsbudskapet utløste her i landet. Bare den som var her om eftermiddagen den 7de mai vet det. En maa gjennomleve det for at forstaa det. Tænk landet frit igjen. Fængslene og fangeleirene aapnedes, og fangene fik reise hjem til sine. Dog det var ikke alle. Ikke saa faa satte livet til desværre. Og mange ventet forgjæves paa sine naar de andre kom. Vore landsmænd som maatte rømme kom tilbake efter hvert. Og saa hjemmefront. Den var imponerende. Det maatte være fælt for tyskerne at se hvad som var foregaat bak deres ryg. For ikke at snakke om nasistene som i sin store enfoldighet erklærte gang paa gang at de hadde ryddet ut alt slikt av landet.

Stort set har vi faat fortsatte vor forkyn-derarbeide hele tiden. Mange vanskeligheter har det selvfølgelig vært. Særlig med reisene. I restriksjonen het det at prædikanter ikke skulde gives reisetilattelse. Men paa steder hvor busmanden var indstillet paa at hjelpe befolkningen blev det som regel en utvei. Selv et nasistbud gik det an at komme rundt naar en brukte de rette knep. At alle norske har gjort sit bedste for at sabotere tyskerne og nasistene skal vi ikke legge skjul paa.

En gang regnet vi helst med at vore kristelige organisasjoner vilde bli opløst og kassene beslaglagt. Men med undtagelse av det indgrep som blev gjort mot det Norske Missionselskap kom de ikke saa langt. Kirken har vært ute i haart veir denne tiden; men vi maa si at den har greidd paakjenningen godt. Mange av kirkens mænd har faat følt internering og fangenskapets kaar, og alle gav villig avkald paa sin embedsstand. Det satte respekt hos folket jamt over. Hallesby og Hope er mellom dem som har faat smagt fangenskapet. Hope blev sat paa frifot igjen sidste høst. Hallesby sat helt tilslut. Begge greidde paakjenningen godt. Hope har vært syk i vaar. Et akutt hjertetilfælde holdt paa at skulle ta hans liv. Nu er han bedre igjen. Han er oppe og ganske kjæk. Vi faar haape at vi faar ha vore aandelige ledere mellom os endnu en tid. De trænges nu som aldrig før.

Vi synes at krigen burde ha virket mere til vækkelse og aandelig fornyelse paa vort folk end den har gjort. I saa maate er det nedslaaende resultater. Men det er vel slik at krigstider er ikke aandstider. — De spottet God for sine trængsler og omvendte sig ikke — staar det. Ja, for mange er det slik desværre.

Mange ting har det vært knapt om, og meget har vi savnet under krigen. Men egentlig hungersnød har vi ikke hat. En stor velsignelse er det at vi har hat gode aaringer under krigen. For norsk jord kan ogsaa bære godt naar den blir stellet med. Gjennem alt maa vi se Guds ledelse. Og at krigen skulde bli avviklet uten at vi igjen skulde faa føle den paa norsk jord var mere end vore dristiske forhaapninger kunde vente. Det var et stort Guds under. Av Herren er det skedd og det er underlig for vore øine.

En hjertelig hilsen til alle vore venner fra min hustru og mig. Eders

Arne Nyheim.

Mysen, 22de mai, 1945.

VALUE OF A CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

Christian High Schools are rather few and far between when one compares them with all the other schools throughout our land. True, many schools may desire to be called christian in name, but their teachings very definitely deny this claim. The theory of "Evolution" which a student meets up with in many text books prescribed in the course of studies is a subtle method of Satan used to lead men and women down into the very depths of sin. Christian schools seek to correct this erroneous teaching through teachers who have experienced the Creator's saving power in their lives, and in turn transmit this truth as revealed in the Word of God to their students. Truly we cannot esteem too highly a school which has this Word of God as the sole basis for authority, and teaches secular subjects in this light the truth from God's Word being taught instead of the secular notes, when the two disharmonize.

An education received at schools of this calibre is equal to that obtainable at any other High School, the equipment and facilities being better than that of the average school. All the teachers employed are well qualified for their positions and are only too glad to be of assistance to students out of class, as well as in the regular class periods. The privilege of talking over school work as well as other things of a more personal nature is definitely a decided advantage and blessing one has who attends a Christian High School.

It has been said by those now in later years, that the subjects learned at school are soon largely forgotten, but that the environment and fellowship enjoyed remains with a person throughout life. The environment and fellowship at these schools are ideal, and pleasant indeed will be the fond recollections of school days. Christian fellowship is something christian young people crave for, and sad to say, all too often there are few young people in the various communities who have surrendered their hearts and lives to the Lord so as to make this possible, hence here is a golden opportunity to enjoy Christian fellowship, and receive direction into the right channels. Associations made here will no doubt continue throughout life and culminate home in glory. It is indeed wonderful at school banquets and gatherings to look forward to a future gathering up in heaven, when by God's grace we hope to meet all of the friends made in student days at one of these schools.

One thing which distinguishes a Christian School from others is the requiring of every student to also take a Bible subject besides that of the regular High School course. This is a real blessing to be able to study the Word of God and be edified by its message to our soul; and at the same time receive our secular education. The morning Chapel messages, Luther League programs, Prayer meetings and Choir practices all point one to the Savior, making the recipients desirous to know this Savior better.

During the course of the years study there is usually a week or so set aside for evangelistic services through which God richly showers down blessings. To those of us who have attended such meetings, these experiences are mountain top heights in our Christian lives. Nothing gives greater joy than seeing individuals surrender their hearts to the Lord, and many are they who let the Savior in, and from then on become radiant witnesses for Him. These meetings seem to be the reaping of the seed which is continually being sown throughout the course of the year.

To these new converts the environment at a Christian School becomes the ideal stimulus for a life which will blossom and mature into a zealous child of God. There are ample opportunities for one to give expression to his or her newly found faith; these are given in Luther League programs, taking charge of Prayer meeting some night, or perhaps in a few conducting the regular morning Chapel messages. Further opportunities are offered when groups from the school are sent out to conduct services and programs in various congregations, while others use their talents in regular Sunday morning radio broadcasts. The choir practices under competent leadership offer valuable vocal training which will greatly aid one to more effective witnessing.

The atmosphere of such a school determines to a large extent the vocation which the students will be following. Under con-

stant influence and guidance of the Word of God one can expect many students to go into full-time gospel work, which many do. The visits of missionaries to these schools with moving pictures of their fields determines to a great degree the future missionaries in the various mission fields, as through this the Lord calls students to service in these parts. Through their faithful work for the Lord in the distant heathen lands, precious souls will be saved, and become heirs of Eternal Glory. A saved, zealous student body leaving school to pursue their God-directed vocation in life will be a powerful force in the Kingdom of God, and Eternity alone will reveal the souls saved through their faithful ministering and witnessing.

The returning of these students to their homes, and congregations after completing their education, will have a stabilizing influence here. It will be this student's desire and concern to see souls won for the same Savior he or she knows, and hence will labor towards this goal. Thus the influence of a Christian School will be felt spiritually even in the homes and congregations of students which are helping to support the school. Are these not the best dividends or interest anyone can receive for the school to meet home in glory some Chinese or African boy who was won indirectly through his or her gift; the gift enabling the school to continue, and a missionary sent out from here into the heathen lands won souls for the Lord. As the Lord prospers us, let us give of our means to support these schools and have our part in this work of the Lord. Moreover may we ourselves attend such a school as opportunities are presented, or encourage someone else to. The greatest service anyone can render for these schools however is to diligently pray for them. May God help us to ask great things of Him through these schools, for it is in answer to prayer that the Lord blesses.

—Arnold Hagen.

AN IDEAL SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER

Mrs. Gertrude Qualseth Diehl

A person teaching the Word of God to children, has a high calling. She must instruct them in the Way of Salvation as set forth in the Word of God and train them for Christian living. It is a great honor to be permitted to speak in God's behalf. And it is a great privilege and responsibility. You want your pupils, not simply to know, but to live, Christianity. You want them to do the right deeds and to do them of their own will. They must be helped to seek God and find Him, and to experience the joy of His love and grace. It is in the teacher's power to mold and direct the soul and to influence it, not only for time, but for eternity. Yes, there is no higher and more important work than that of a Sunday school teacher. The responsibility is heavy. "Abide in me and I in you. . . If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch and is withered" (John 15:6). This has special significance for a teacher in Sunday school. We must be in Christ before we can do anything for Him. The first essential, therefore, for the teacher is to be in Christ.

Teaching the Word of God consists, first, in furnishing the knowledge of Jesus Christ to the children; secondly, in letting this knowledge bring the children to know the Lord, believe in Him, and lovingly do His will.

The teacher has not done her work until she has taught the children about Jesus, so that they will go out and practice what they have learned.

To be a successful teacher one must possess an adequate knowledge of the Truth that is to be taught. As anyone who has had to do with children will know, we teach also by our example and attitude. We teach them by a right example and attitude and we teach them by a wrong example and attitude. Here we should set high standards for ourselves.

There is generally too much reliance placed upon the textbook. It is the subject that is to be studied and taught, not the textbook. The teacher's range of knowledge should extend beyond the limits of the textbook used. She needs to know her Bible in order to make her lesson interesting and be able to present the truth to the growing child. The Bible is full of stories and illustrations which can be used in presenting the lesson. Then, too, she should

apply the Word to herself as well as to the pupil. A teacher should love the Bible and use it daily. The children must know what they believe and why. To them the Bible must be the Word of God.

If the teacher is full of enthusiasm for her work and loves her pupils, the pupils will soon feel it and respond. She should be what she wants her pupils to be. She teaches more by her example than by her words. The teacher should try to understand the child and find out about the environments in and outside the home, by listening to the child's stories and getting his viewpoint.

Repetition should be a constant part of the instruction. Reviewing should deal with the main points of what has preceded. This helps to refresh the memory and to connect the new lesson with what has preceded. Review is very important in the instruction of children. We teach them so they will have a ready knowledge which the Holy Spirit can use in their daily life to guide and strengthen them. Only the knowledge that is retained in the memory is available for their use.

A teacher should make herself clear and not give a hazy idea which does not furnish knowledge that can be acted upon. Be sure the words used are familiar to the children and that the ideas are understood. Explain carefully a new word.

Concentrate the instruction on one or, at the most, two thoughts. If one truth can be well taught each time, the teaching has been effective. One truth should stand out as the main truth in every lesson.

There should be sincerity about all she does. In the living stream of eternal grace the Christian teacher lives and works. She wants to draw the boys and girls entrusted to her into this stream. Never shall her heart rejoice more fully than when she sees her pupils becoming disciples of Christ.

A Christian teacher does not walk to her class in radiant self-reliance, but in quiet assurance: "The Lord is going before me. I am simply following Him."

The teacher should bring her pupils into the social atmosphere of prayer, instruct them in the meaning of prayer, and train them in the habit of prayer. The teacher leading in prayer should speak from the children's life, not from the adult's theology. Make the prayer short, simple, direct. Make the children feel that you are really talking with the Lord.

The personality of the teacher is an important factor. A spiritual personality is the greatest. By a spiritual personality is meant one in whose heart the love of Christ dwells and who lives with her Lord every day. We are unable to do our best work as Christian teachers unless we live in the truth we teach. The children will reflect the spirit of the teacher. Lack of punctuality in the teacher will produce a tardy class.

Personal attractiveness in being, manner, and dress is an important qualification. Have a pleasant and neat appearance. Anything unusual will at once catch the eyes of the children and it will be harder for the teacher to get the class to concentrate on the lesson. The teacher should come to class physically fit to do her work. This means that she should be rested and that she has given her body a chance to recuperate so that the body and mind can cooperate as effectively as possible.

The intellectual qualifications of a teacher require ability to teach, necessary preparation, and sufficient knowledge. There must be knowledge of and skill in putting the lesson across. When preparing your lesson, put yourself into the thoughts and spirit of the lesson. Spiritual preparation, however, means more. It means that the Holy Spirit dwells in our hearts and there produces the spirit of love, sincerity, and earnestness to Christ.

Song for

THANKSGIVING DAY

Walk bravely and with gallant heart
Upon this hallowed sod.
We dare not play a lesser part
Than those high souls who trod
Through wilderness and strove to chart
A nation true to God.

Walk proudly! Let the flags now wave
Above this hallowed sod,
Above each valiant founder's grave.
Let us, like those who plod
Through pathless forests, toil to save
A nation blessed by God.

—Gerturde Hanson.

BOOK REVIEW

Christ Emptor, by Dr. T. F. Gullixson, published by Augsburg Publishing House, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Are you interested in Christian Stewardship? Do you want a deeper sense of the meaning of the words "purchases and won me" in the second Article? Would you have a deeper understanding of the thought in the hymn: "Take My life And Let It be Consecrated?" Do you like flawless English? Do you like stirring word pictures? Then read "Christus Emptor".

In ten chapters Dr. Gullixson sets forth Christ's claim upon the saints of God. Here are illustrations chosen at random. From the chapter "Glorify Your Hands" we read of Christ's hands: "We see those fingers caressing the tresses of a little child or pressing a babe securely to His breast. That hand broke bread for the hungry, straightened up the maimed and broken, brushed the cheek below unseeing eyes, and strayed with power across dumb lips." From "Eyes in Focus", "Some Christians put blinders on themselves as they go by the Lord's wide, white harvest field, in order not to see too vividly the work to be done."

But you must read it. You can go back to it again, and again. It carries the thought beyond the letter of the printed page. You will understand more deeply what the words "Christus Emptor" means in your own life.

Journey to Chungking by Daniel Nelson, published by Augsburg Publishing House, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dr. Daniel Nelson is well known. He is the author of "The Apostle to the Chinese Communists" and "An English-Chinese Romanized Dictionary". In the last chapter of Journey to Chungking, he says, "I was born in a Chinese mud hut in the city of Sinyang, Honan. My father acted as midwife and when I had arrived safely he knelt on the mud floor and offered prayer and praise to God." The author served as missionary twelve years, "ate Chinese food, lived with the Chinese, talked and laughed with the peasants, slept in their home, planned and worked with them." Dr. Daniel Nelson is qualified to write about China.

In twenty interesting chapters he writes an interesting account of his trip. The book is written in the form of a travelogue, but it is more than that. Besides being filled with vivid descriptions the author comments on Problems such as "The Indian Political Puzzle", and "Can China Win?" The Chapter "Travel Hazards" reveals the dangers that beset the author.

Now that the war is over and China has been liberated we see how difficult it is to prophesy. Dr. Nelson states in chapter nineteen that China will be liberated only when the Allies' come to grips with the enemy on Chinese soil. But who could foresee the dramatic turns in the events by the atomic bomb? Who could know mind of Him "who maketh wars to cease".

The Victory offering of our church goes to the rehabilitation of China. Read this book and get a new appreciation of our mission task.

—A. M. V.

I Love Thy Word

By T. O. Chisholm

Thy Word, O God, — how much I love it!
More precious to my heart by far
Than all the gifts that men could offer,
Than all earth's rarest treasures are.

Thy Word to me my sin discovered,
My hopeless helplessness revealed,
But, praise Thy name, showed me the
Fountain
Where all sin's maladies are healed.

Thy Word is life and truth and power, —
The Spirit's keen and flashing sword, —
My counselor and guide unerring
When judgment fails and sight is blurred.

Thy Word is like a lovely garden
Where flow'rs exhale their odors sweet,
Where I may drink refreshing waters,
My soul, of heav'nly food may eat.

Oh, precious Word! How many a promise
Shines forth from out its pages fair!
Complete provision for my journey
Thy love hath stored up richly there.

AFTERTHOUGHTS

The mail man! A letter from Canada! An invitation to speak at a Bible Camp! Can it be that a desire carried so long shall now be realized?

A consultation with my wife.

She says, "Go, by all means!"

My answer: "Yes, if you and the children could go, too."

She insists, "Forget us and go. That will be a wonderful trip for you."

The outcome of the whole matter: The invitation was accepted. As time went on arrangements were made for sufficient gas so that the family could go, too.

The first week was spent speaking at the Aberdeen-Sisseton Circuit Bible Camp at NeSoDak on Lake Enemy Swim near Wau-bay, South Dakota.

Then from Saturday noon we had to drive more than 1500 miles to Hastings Lake near Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. We arrived, but too late for the first assignment on Tuesday evening.

There followed nine strenuous, happy days with some of the finest, warmest, friendliest folk we have ever met. All were strangers when we came, except my esteemed classmate at the seminary, "Canada Jake" Stolee. Nevertheless, the pastors, family groups, and youth of the Edmonton-Camrose Circuits accepted us as old friends. My family and I enjoyed every moment of our stay there.

The Hastings Lake Bible Camp is a monument to faith in God and love for souls. Every pounded nail and every fitted board in the camp's several buildings bear evidence to the fact that here are folks who are concerned about the spiritual welfare of their youth and that they believe that God blesses the Bible Camp movement.

Family devotions at the breakfast table gave continuation to and encouragement for the family altar.

The Bible study placed at the head of the day's teaching schedule shows the place given to "the Word alone."

The strong doctrinal studies of the second period emphasized and re-emphasized salvation by "grace alone." How needful this is for people living in the midst of sectarian groups who speak much and sing much about grace, but are lacking in an understanding of its operation and fruits. The result of this lack is a spurning and ridiculing of God's appointed means and of the fruits which they produce. Many folks came burdened and confused, fresh from the constant questioning insinuations of sectarian friends and foes.

The Christian life series of the third hour gave the guest speaker a chance to show that all of life's questions and problems can be answered and solved only when in "faith alone" Christ is Savior, Lord, and Friend.

The questions placed in the box indicated a deep concern about vital spiritual matters on the part of Alberta's Lutheran youth. They showed a deep insight into God's Word and a desire for an increasingly better understanding of its meaning for their lives.

The young people were also admonished to listen carefully to the voice of God calling them into full-time Christian service.

After the noon quiet hour these Canadians played with all the zest and enthusiasm of youth and in the Christian spirit of fair-play and consideration for others. The merry shouts of swimmers, the clanging of horseshoes, the decisive crack of the bat hitting the ball, the slow, dull thud of the heavy basket-ball court, the wooden click of the croquet mallets, the oil-less squeak of the oar in its lock gave evidence of red-blooded, vigorous, healthy youth, brimming over with power, potentiality, and possibility. May the Lord be permitted to possess all of them!

The generous, spontaneous participation in the opening prayer session of the evening services showed encouragement and training in expressional Christianity. Ears attentive to the sermon provided hope for hearts receptive to its message.

Occasional bonfires at the lake shore gave further opportunity for testimony and prayer.

Pastors and other older Christians led the campers in their bed-time group devotions. One could see these leaders moving quietly among the trees and tents and cabins in the Albertan summer twilight which is so reluctant to yield to darkness, even at midnight.

The primary concern of the Bible Camp was to feed souls, but food for the body was also there, plentiful and wholesome. Stella Gunderson and her helpers left one definitely with the conviction — "Yes, cooking, too, can be done to the glory of God!" Assignments to the various camp chores were received and executed by the campers in cheerfulness.

The lay people of Alberta will be remembered with gratitude. Several fathers and mothers were among the campers. It was inspiring to see how many of them sought out tasks and performed them for the comfort and help of the rest of us. These folks are "not hearers only, but doers also."

The pastors are men of spiritual zeal and earnest concern for the souls of their people. It was an inspiration to sit at their feet and learn from them and also to converse with them about their problems and programs. Their love for the Lord and for their people is reflected in the labors they have put into the Lake Hastings Bible Camp.

Our visit to Alberta included a visit to two of our churches, at Camrose and Edmonton, and also to two of our institutions, the college and Bible school at Camrose. These visits were much enjoyed and enhanced our conviction that the Canadian church moves forward on a sound basis. It advances into the face of the church's foes — devil-inspired worldliness, Rome-inspired political schemings, modernist inspired religious nihilism, and sectarian-inspired religious confusion. Our Lutheran Church of Canada with her Christ-centered, Christ-exalting message of sin and forgiving grace will accomplish much in God's Kingdom in Canada.

One of the pleasantest memories is that of the night spent in the cordially hospitable home of Pastor and Mrs. Vinge in Camrose.

An indulgent provincial government granted gas beyond our request. Thus our visit to Alberta was climaxed by the drive down the exciting Jasper-Banff highway which threads its winding way through the heart of the Canadian Rockies and through two of the world's largest national parks.

And toward the end of our Canadian trail lay beautiful Lake Louise — God's big, blue mirror reflecting the majesty of majestic mountain peaks and glistening glacier snows.

The opportunity to visit Canada and our own Lutheran people there has long been our unspoken desire. The realization of that desire will be remembered with joy and gratitude. The Christian zeal and good-will of our pastors and people there will furnish a theme for many a private and public conversation.

—A. L. Abrahamson.

Autumn and Immortality

By Harry Pringle Ford

When the autumn sun is tinting
Forest leaves with russet gold,
And the hazy, dreamy landscape
Nature's fairest scenes enfold;
When the quail pipes in the stubble,
And the hunter tramps the fields,
And from summer's generous sowing
Earth a bounteous harvest yields;
When the stars are clear and sparkling,
And the dawns are blurred with mist,
And the autumn and the winter
Linger ere they keep their tryst;
When the western sun, low setting,
Floods the hills with radiance rare —
Then our hearts grow tender, wistful,
With a nameless, voiceless prayer.

When all sounds are faint and mellow'd
And the maple trees aflame,
And our nobler thoughts allure us —
Vagrant dreams without a name;
When the frost, with traitor kisses,
Chills the bloom of flowers fair,
And a stillness, mem'ry haunted,
Broods upon the slumb'rous air;
When the days are growing shorter,
And the nights are long and chill,
And the glowing fires of autumn
Crown with splendor vale and hill;
When we see these farflung glories,
Soon to fade at winter's breath —
We rejoice in life immortal:
That for us there is no death!

—Sel.

DARE MUCH FOR GOD

Oscar C. Hanson

The history of the Christian Church is the history of men and women who have dared to do much for God. God spoke to Abraham and he listened. He dared to leave home to go into a far country. Jacob, Joseph, Moses, and Joshua—all dared to go forward at God's command and in His power.

God spoke to some common folks and called them to a great task. They listened. We marvel at the daring courage of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Amos, Hosea, and the other prophets of God.

The disciples were a bit cowardly at times, but Pentecost brought new power. We marvel at Peter, John, James, and the other pillars of the early Church, who dared to go forward to do God's will even if they must face hostile kings and armies, to be imprisoned, or to bleed, or to die.

Paul dared much for God. Christian courage was not theory with him. It was life and experience.

First, Paul dared much for God because he had a God who was big enough to save him. Paul marvelled constantly that Christ was able to save him. He stood in daily awe before the breadth, the length, the depth, and the height of the love of God. Daily, Paul wondered how God could pick as big a sinner as he was for salvation and service. Life's greatest miracle for Paul was that "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law" (Galatians 3:13). This truth runs like a refrain through all his writings. Paul knew how much Jesus Christ had suffered for him on the cross. Why shouldn't he dare to risk even his life and die, if necessary, to do God's will in appreciation to God for such a wonderful Savior? Paul dared much for God because he had a God who was big enough to save him, a lost condemned sinner. This has been and continues to be the secret of all men and women of God.

The cross is the center of daring courage for God. The more precious the cross of Jesus Christ is to you, the more you will dare to do for God. We need to let God, through His Word, bring about a deeper conviction of sin in our Christian Church today so all of us will cry in desperation, "What shall we do?" Then our hearts will overflow daily with thanksgiving and praise for such a wonderful Savior, who is able to cleanse vile, hopeless sinners such as we are in His Blood on the cross.

Shouldn't we dare to sacrifice, to give our money, time, and energy in response to this Calvary love? How can anyone grumble that the church asks too much of one's time, money, or energy if he daily looks at this bleeding, suffering, dying Savior? How much do you dare to do for God? How precious is the Christ of Calvary's cross to you?

Secondly, Paul dared much for God because he had a God big enough to supply all his need.

"He that spared not His own Son but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him freely give us all things?" (Romans 8:32). Paul described his God thus: "Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think" (Ephesians 3:20).

Paul had learned to depend on God for everything. He knew by experience the meaning of Christ's words, "Without me ye can do nothing." It often looked dark and hopeless for Paul. He was beaten, flogged, imprisoned, tested, tried, and persecuted. But this did not stop him. It was God's work—His Church. God was able to supply his every need. Paul took God at His Word and dared to go forward by faith in Him. Paul was nothing, but God was everything to him.

Our church today needs such a big God. Often we circumscribe Him with our human logic. The tendency in our day is to pull Christ's Church down to the human level and treat it like any human institution. We measure prospective programs of expansion by human logic rather than by the greatness of the promises of God. We walk by sight instead of by faith. Isn't that one big reason why the Christian Church hasn't made a bigger impact on America and on the world?

Dare we pray for a thousand new missionaries for China for a postwar invasion of that country with the gospel? God is able. He is big enough to supply the missionaries and the money. It is His will that all shall be saved. He has all power

and the key to all the riches of heaven. Dare we take Him at His Word? Dare we pray for workers and money to really go and make disciples of all nations? God forgive us for being satisfied with things as they are, when millions of souls are going annually in to a Christless eternity.

We pray that the Christian Church in America may again grasp the promise of Jesus, "Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 18:19). May all the fine machinery of the Church be connected to God's power line.

Thirdly, Paul dared much for God because he had a God big enough to change men and circumstances.

Paul had been a murderer. God was able to make him into a disciple. He knew that God could change the hearts of man—so he dared to approach even King Agrippa.

One of our great weaknesses today is that we quickly label men as hopeless. We invited the Smith family to church once but they did not respond, so we say, "It is no use. They wouldn't come anyway." Have you dared to pray for the toughest man in your town, knowing that God is able to make a deacon out of a bartender? Have you dared to approach Jim who never comes to church but travels with the worldly crowd to the taverns and dance halls, knowing that God can change his heart so he can become even a candidate for the ministry? We need a new vision of the power of God to change the hearts of people. This will give us courage to pray more and approach people who may seem hopeless. God is able, in Christ, to change the hearts of men.

God is also able to change circumstances. Dare we pray for ten missionaries and full time workers from our home congregations? Dare we pray for money to support one missionary just from our congregation? God can move the hearts of our people. He can provide.

Lastly, Paul dared much for God because it was urgent.

I admire a fireman. He will risk his life to go into a burning building to rescue a child. It is urgent. A lifeguard will risk his life to battle the turbulent waves to save a drowning boy. He dares much because it is urgent. It is a matter of life and death.

Even during war time, the Christian Church has the most urgent business on earth. It is the Lord's business, the saving of souls. It is desperately urgent that your neighbor knows Jesus Christ. It is a matter of life or death, heaven or hell. As Christians, we act often as if it really does not matter whether or not our neighbors are saved. May God give us a vision of the emptiness of a life without Christ and the horrors of a lost eternity so we tremble at the thought of one unsaved soul. May He also give us a picture of the possibilities of every soul that accepts Christ. You and I must dare much for God. It is urgent.

Fellow American Christians! God speaks to you in His Word today. Listen! Dare much for Him in a time like this. God is big enough to save you in Christ. God is big enough to supply all your need. God is big enough to change men and circumstances. Dare much for God now! It is urgent!

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Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,

Forgive our feverish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind;
In purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard.

Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them without a word,
Rise up and follow Thee.

Drop Thy still dews of quietness,

Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire

Thy coolness and Thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind,
and fire,
O still, small voice of calm.

Jeg er den gode Hyrde.

Joh. 10:11

THE SHEPHERD Hyrden

JEG ER DØREN TIL FAARENE. Joh. 10:7.

Den gode Hyrde setter sit

liv til for faarene.

Joh. 10:11

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Andet Nr. i September, 1945

Lukas 10:38-42

Jesus og disiplene er paa vandring. Han reiste omkring og gjorde vel. Ofte blev han tret og trengte hvile. De kommer til en by, Betania (Se John 11). Der var et hjem hvor han visste at han var velkommen. Dette hjem bestod av tre søskende, Marta, Maria og deres bror Lasarus. Marta synes aa vere eier av huset. Lasarus er ikke nevnt her for han er ikke en av de handlende personer.

Baade Marta og Maria elskede Jesus, men deres kjærlighet ytret sig paa forskjellig maate. Marta tar energisk fat paa at stille godt for den kjære og hedrede gjest. Maria har ikke tanke for noe annet enn aa lytte til den elskendes leres ord. Marta blir mildt dadlet av Herren for sin travelhet. Jeg maa nesten synes synd om Marta for hun mente det saa vel, stakkar. Men jeg antar Jesus sa:: "ja du Marta du Marta, du er lik dig selv du gjør dig strev og uro med mange ting" paa en saadan maate hans ord ikke saaret. Han sa det gjerne med et smil. Derimot blir Maria rost. Her blir vi minnet om at Jesus var ikke komme for aa la sig tjene, men for selv at tjene.

Jesus er ogsaa idag paa vandring. Han gaar fra hjem til hjem med sin velsignelse. Det hjem som tar med glede imot ham blir velsignet. La os be ham og si: "Kom, o Herre min, med al din naade og gave." Han staar for døren, dit hjertes og hjems dør, og banker. Dersom du oplater døren vil han komme inn og holler nadverd med dig og du med ham.

I hvert hjem er der sorger og tunge tilskikkelser, men den som har Jesus i sit hjerte og hjem vet at han vil hjelpe i de tunge stunder og trøste i sorgen.

Det fik denne lille søskenfamilie i Betania erfare. Sydom og død bragte sorg i søstrenes hjerter da bror Lasarus blev syke og døde. Men de hadde en ven i Jesus, og han kom og forvanlet sorgen til glede. Se Joh. 11. Aa du, hvor godt det er aa ha Jesus til daglig gjest og ven i hjemmet vort. Har du kjære læser Jesus i det hjem? Han er i hvert hjem hvor hjemmets folk lik Maria sitter ved Jesu fødder og hører hans ord. Bruk flittig bibelen din, og gaa flittig til kirke for aa høre og lere Guds ord. Gjennem order mottar du det evige liv som er din gode del som ikke ska takes fra dig. Det er det ene nødvendige sier Jesus. Kommer du gjennom Guds ords hørelse og lesning i samfunn med Jesus som er livet, vil du nok ikke bare bli ordets hører men ogsaa dets gjører, d.e. du vil faa noget av Martas iver og lyst til aa gjøre noget for Herren.

Jeg tenker Maria stod straks op for aa hjelpe søsteren i aa tjene Jesus. En av de siste dager i Jesu liv finner vi den elskelige Maria i full virksomhet i at tjene Jesus. Baade Mattaus, Markus, og Johannes beretter om kvinnen som salvede Jesu legeme, i Betania. Etter Johannes, er den kvinne Maria som sat ved Jesus føtter. Nu var hennes kjærlighet blit virksom i handling. Denne kjærlighets handling av Maria behaget Jesus. Han tar henne i forsvær naar hun blir klandret av Judas for hennes sløseri med den kostelige nardussalve. Jesus sier: La henne i fred! Hvorfor gjør i henne fortredd? Hun har gjort en gjerning mot mig—Hun gjorde hvad hun kunne hun salvede forut mit legem til min jordferd. Markus 14: 6-8.

Dette vil lere os at en som en flittig ordets hører vil naturlig bli virksom i sin Herrens tjeneste. Han vil ikke bare la sig tjene Herren men han vil baade faa anledning og lyst til aa gjøre noget for sin Herre han elsker. Maatte vi gjøre det ene nødvendige og utvelge os den gode del som ikke kan tas fra os.

Ere vere Faderen, Sønnen, og Den Hellig Aand som var, er, og blir en sann Gud fra evighet til evighet. Amen.

—O. J. M.

DA FRIHET OG FRED KOM TIL NORGE

Det blev jubel og fest som ikke kan beskrives.

Vi har faat tillatelse til at sette i "Norsk Ungdom" følgende ualmindelig interessante brev som først var sendt til brevskriverens tante, Mrs. Gine Olsen, Oakland, California.

Kjære tanke Gine!

"Fred hviler over land og by, ei verden larmer mer."

Tenk jeg skal faa lov aa sitte her aa skrive dette vidunderlige ordet "Fred." Fred ja, tenk fred. "Det er ikkje til aa tru" sier vi til hverandre naa om dagene. Nei det er ikke til aa tro. Tenk fred og frihet, ikke være redd for aa snakke ut, ikke være redd for aa si sin mening uten aa bli puttet i fengsel. Det er saa vidunderlig at det kan ikke beskrives. Ord blir saa fattige vi kan ikke finne sterke ord nok for det vi føler naa om dagene. Jeg skulde ønske at du hadde vært her i disse dage. Det er en jubel, en fest som ikke vil ta ende. Flaggene vaier over alt, menneskene omfavner hverandre. "Gratulerer med freden" er omkvendt, og ansikterne straal-ler. saa ingen 17de mai-festing kan sammenlignes med dette.

Og siden jeg er et fritt menneske i et fritt land saa kan jeg fritt skrive det jeg vil. Det som jeg i fem lange aar ikke har kunnet gjøre.

Her har gaatt fantastiske rykter: "Naa er det fred, Tyskland har kapitulert," slik sa den ene. Den neste sa, "Det er ikke sandt, det er ikke blitt meldt fra London." Og slik svirret det. Her var slik spenning at vi kunde nesten ikke arbeide.

Som du nok vet, maatte alle radioapparater innleveres i august 1941 — in nordmennene hørte jo saa meget paa London. — Ingen hadde lov aa ha radio, bare dem som skrev sig inn i Quislingspartiet og samarbeidet med tyskerne. Og de maatte love høitidelig ikke aa høre paa London. Men du forstaar det var mange som hadde radio hemmelig. Men det var en veldig risiko — det blev fengsel og pinsler, men de norske tar risikoen, og radioapparatene har vært skjult paa de forunderligste steder. En i min familie hadde nettop kjøpt nytt apparat da forbudet kom. Han leverte inn det gamle og det nye gjemte han i loen i høiet. Om kvelden tok han det ut i grisehuset og satte det i kontakten og saa hørte vi paa London mens en av oss gikk vakt utenfor i tilfælde der skulde komme noen. Slik har vi holdt paa i 3½ aar. Men mange har vært uheldig og er blitt opdaget. Men nu er det over, nu har vi faatt apparatene tilbake. Men tyskerne har tatt mange. Alle radioene som blev innleveret i Stavanger tok tyskerne, likesaa i Oslo. Det fortelles at radioene i Stavanger blev lastet ombord i en baat som skulde til Tyskland, men utenfor Jæren blev den torpedoert av engelskmennene.

Janna sier naa at hun angrer paa hun ikke la sten i kassen, istedenfor radioapparatet — saa hadde hun hatt det i behold idag. Men vi faar haape at det ikke gaar saa mange aar før vi faar apparater i landet.

Men tilbake til fredsdagene. Mandag den 7de mai var det som luften var ladet av spenning. Mannfolkene her i forretnin-gen forsvant rett som det var. De er om sig og hører i radioen tenkte jeg. Og ganske riktig. Kl. 3 visste jeg, at der var ny utsendelse fra London. Den maa jeg høre tenkte jeg; men hvor holder de til? Det maa være paa loftet! Jeg gikk der op — men ikke et mannfolk ss se. Jeg pikket paa døren til et kontor — der maa de vel være?— Nei, døren var lukket. Jeg lukker op døren til baktrappen og der ser jeg snerten av en maan op gjennom den øverste trapp. "Kan jeg faa bli med," roper jeg — og før han fikk svare er jeg efter ham, og plutselig staar jeg sammen med ca. 20 menn — alene kvinne — i 5te etasje mellom sekker og kasser og lytter paa London. Og saa kommer det: "Tyskland har kapitulert paa alle fronter!" Da

er det ikke tvil i vaar sjel. Vi styrter ned til de andre og nyheten gaar som ill i tørt gress. Vi ser at barna paa gaten finner frem sine flagg og roper "hurra!" Flaggene utover byen gaar til tops. Hvad vil tyskerne si? Vi er nesten redd ogsaa. Fra politiet kommer der beskjed at alle radioapparater skal utleveres næste dag. Spør om der er jubel!

Tirsdag den 8de mai er folk tidlig paa benene. Folk vil avsted efter radioapparatene sine. Barna staar i kø utenfor papirforretningen for aa kjøpe flagg og sløifer, og snart er hvert menneske pyntet med nasjonalfarvene. Kl. 12 skal der være møte paa Raadhusplassen. Været er som laget. Solen skinner fra en skyfri himmel, og, flaggene smeller i den svake brisen. Et musikk-korps kommer marsjerende med det norske flagg i teten — saann som i de gode gamle dager — og tar oppstilling paa plassen. Saa lyder det utover: "Ja vi elsker dette landet." Ja aldri har vel sangen vært kraftigere enn i denne stund, og vi mener det i vaar inderste sjel naar vi synger: "Ja vi elsker dette landet."

En leser en prolog. Leser om fred, fred til en livstrett jord. Nevner dem som gjorde sin innsats for landet, dem som gav sitt liv for Norges frihet, dem som aldri kom hjem men som fant sin grav der ute enten paa det store hav eller i fangeleiren eller paa slagmarken. Og lommeterørklær kom frem. Saa var der tale av ordføreren — han som var blitt avskjediget under nazistytret men som naa atter inntok sin plass. Desuten tale av politimesteren og flere andre og vi sang og ropte hurra. Der var flere tusen samlet. Jeg staar ganske nær Frelsesarmeens lokale, som tyskerne har tatt. Der inne ser jeg tre tyskere med hjelmer paa. Det staar og ser utover den store forsamling. De har nok aldri sett slikt i Norge før. Den ene er saa rar synes jeg. Han gaater — Jeg maa se paa ham rett som det er — saa forsvinner han. Men aldri glemmer jeg det ansiktet. Paa tross av all urett vi har lidt saa føler jeg medynk med ham. Han har ikke den samme fremtid som mig. Kan hende han har mistet sine kjære, sitt hjem og saa tilslutt tapt alt. Hvad er det saa igjen aa leve for?

Ja jeg vil ønske at folk har lært saa meget naa at de aldri begynner krig igjen. Det blir tilslutt bare sorg og savn og ødeleggelse for alle parter. Ogsaa for dem som kommer hjem med seiren.

Ja vi er glad her i Norge naa. En dame sa til mig at den freden tar ganske paa en — vi faar ikke tid til hverken aa sove eller spise!

Der har vært holdt takkegudstjenester rundt om i hele landet. Her i Sandnes var kirken stoppfull. Gudstjenesten blev overført til sykehuset og gamlehjemmet og Raadhusteatret. Teatret var ogsaa fullt. Jeg var tidlig ute saa jeg fikk komme inn i kirken.

Du er nok nysgjerring efter aa høre hvordan det staar til med oss. Vi lever alle vel baade paa Stangeland, Revheim og Ølberg og oss, untatt den største gutten til Sverre som er 12 aar og blev syk av poliomyelit (barnelammelse) i oktober 1944. Han blev lam i høire arm og fot. Han har lagt paa hospital naa i flere maaneder og er nettop naa kommet hjem. Han er blitt halt og kan ikke gaa noe større. Han skal være hjemme fire maaneder og hvile sig og skal tilbake til hospitalet og ta behandling igjen. Sverre tenker paa aa sende ham til Sverige for aa se om de kan gjøre noe for ham. Jeg har saa uendelig meget aa skrive om at brevet kunde vist blitt dobbelt saa langt. Jeg skulde allerhelst ha kommet derover og fortalt dere alt det som har hendt naa i Norge i denne tiden. Saa bare send mig tur- og retur-billet saa kommer jeg paa besøk et halvt aar. Jeg har ingen penger selv, — det har gaatt til mat og klær, det har vært fryktelig dyrt under krigen. Dessuten er vel ikke de norske penger verd noen ting naa —? Du maa hilse alle Tørres og Berge og Marie Bakkevold og ellers alle du vet er interessert i Norge.

Din hengivne Agathe Oseland.

... —Norsk Ungdom.

En Paamindelse

"Fordi uretfærdigheden tar overhaand, skal kjærligheden bli kold hos de fleste." Matt. 24, 12.

O, evige almektige Gud, la disse linjer som du minder os med her, belyse vore hjerter slik at vi stadig maa skue opad til dig i inderlig bøn om at bli bevart i disse saa betenkelige tider! Du, o Gud, er jo den samme idag som fordom, men det ser ut som det er dobbelt vanskelig i vore tider at holde sig vaaken, en virkelig ventende Jesu brud. Satan setter mektig an, særlig nu den siste tid. Alle hans demoner er mønstret og er ute for at søke sig bytte. Her gjelder det at kunne se forskjel paa det ekte og det vildfarende. Har vi ikke forbindelsen iorden med Gud, saa kan vi hverken se eller kunne staa. Fred, fred, ropes det, og: Kristus — her er han! Jesus har selv sagt: "Se dere for!" Om det ropes Kristus fra ørkenen og fra kammerene, da tro det ikke (vers 26.) Nei satan kommer nu i en lyssets engels skikkelse, som en kristen alt-saa. Bare satan kan faa beholde ens hjerte, saa kan en godt være en kristen. Det er det farligste garn vi har, hjelp os, Gud!

Men hvorfor skal det være saa, det skulde jo ikke være saa? "Fordi uretfærdigheten har tat overhaand, skal kjærligheten bli kold hos de fleste."

Se vers 3! Jesus taler til sine disipler her i enrum. Det er meget viktige ting dette. Altsaa taler han til os kristne.

Skal da kjærligheten ikke følge de kristne? Jo vi vet hvad vidnesbyrd disiplene fik: "Se, hvor de elsker hverandre!" Det hjelper ikke om du taler med menneskers og englers tunge, og om du har al profetisk gave, og om du synger og roper halleluja. Paulus sier i 1. Kor. 13, 1—3 at "har jeg ikke kjærlighet, saa gavner det mig intet." Alt er bare en lydende malm og en klingende bjelde. Der er megen lydende malm og mange klingende bjelder i vor tid. Husk: "Kjærligheten skal bli kold hos de fleste!"

O Herre Gud, lær os at be, saa vi kan findes vaakne naar du kommer! Her strides det om forskjellige spørsmaal i Bibelen, som blir saa forvent. Vildfarelsen maa komme, vær paa vakt, min ven, her er fare! Det gjelder at vi vaakner op for alvor. Husk: idag lever du, imorgen kanske død. Lynet blinker snart, er vi beredt? Ta haand om os, Gud, for Jesu skyld! Amen.

—Harald Laksekjøn.

Det nye livs kjendetegn

Naar vi tar imot Kristus faar vi et nyt sind. Det nye sind ytrer sig paa mange maater. Det gaar an at bli viss paa om man er gaat over fra døden til livet eller ei.

Jeg vil nevne noen av de kjendetegn som følger med det nye liv.

1. Brudd med det gamle liv er et sikkert merke paa en sand omvendelse.

Gleden i verden er nu ei glede for mig!

2. Det blir et nyt forhold til Gud.

I vor uomvendte tilstand var vi red Gud. Skulde vi da være glad, maatte vi prøve at forestille os Gud langt borte. Nu er det helt anderledes. Vi ønsker at faa være i Guds umiddelbare nærhet. Vi betror ham alt og gaar til ham med vor synd og sorg, med vore gleder og vore plager.

3. De troende blir vi glad i. "Vi vet at vi er gaat over fra døden til livet, fordi vi elsker brødrene!" sier Guds apostel.

Før søkte vi kanske helst at kritisere dem og kalde dem hyklere. Nu vet vi at selv om der blandt de bekjendende kristne er hyklere, saa er det mange ærlige, gjennfødte troende som vi kjender os i slekt med.

4. Bibelen er blit os en kjær skat. Før hadde vi ikke stort bruk for den. Vi syntes helst at det var en kjedelig bok. Nu er den vor dyreste skat.

"Dersom noen er in Kristus, da er han en ny skapning, se alt er blit nyt!"

Johannes Daasvand.

NOW

"Make the most of your opportunity, for these are evil times".

Eph. 5:6 (Goodspeed)

In this day of grace there are innumerable opportunities for telling others about Jesus. Are we making the most of our privileges? It is demanded of stewards that they be found faithful.

Together, Bible Camp workers had the sacred responsibility of reaching unto over 1000 blood-bought young people in our Canada District. Over 350 hours were spent in total proclaiming the message and work of the church. Did we really further the witness concerning Jesus that the Savior himself began while here on earth?

Let us resolve under God to make the most of our opportunities to really hold and to win youth for Christ in our Luther League work this coming season.

—G. L.

President's Column

CHRIST WANTS YOU

Is not the above declaration a challenging theme for our 1946 Luther League conventions? "Christ wants you". He wants you to be one of His redeemed brothers. He wants you to be one of his consecrated servants. He wants you, all of you, all of your abilities and possessions. He wants you, be you young or old, civilian or service-man — *He wants you.*

This theme was given by God to our International YPLL Board Meeting after much prayer. In truth the entire gathering was in an atmosphere of prayer. Each day began with a stirring message from Scripture brought by Pastor Oscar Anderson of Minneapolis, followed by a season of prayer that we might know God's will in all our decisions.

It is a rare privilege to be a member of the International YPLL Board. The three days of our annual meeting, held this year August 22—24 are rich in Christian fellowship. Every Leaguer should frequently thank God that we have men such as Oscar C. Hanson and Arthur E. Hanson as leaders in our young people's work. They are among His gifts to us. So are the consecrated office workers, the able members of the executive committee and our Luther League evangelist.

Some of our workers will be visiting our District in the near future. Evangelist Fauske will visit some of Bible Camps and our District Convention next summer. (Note: His schedule will be arranged by our Bible Camp Coordinator, Mr. G. Loken.) Pastor Hanson will be present at various circuit workers conferences this fall which will begin October 7th. These are being publicized through mimeographed circulars.

An almost unbelievable thing (that is, for me) took place at our Thursday evening session. The budget committee had proposed an increase of about 10% in our budget for 1946. As a result our district's allocation for next year will be \$700. Then the chairman of the budget committee called attention to the substantial surplus from the past two years, and suggested certain special projects: An appropriation for our Worker's Conferences, an appropriation for Youth Directors in our Foreign Mission fields, and a gift of \$1500.00 to the Saskatchewan Lutheran Bible Institute. The undersigned almost fell through the floor, and pinched himself to find out if he were awake.

Pastor Hanson then spoke for a few minutes. He said in substance that S.L.B.I. had a place to fill in the work of our Church and Luther League, and that it depended on gifts as its source of income. He had asked the opinion of several of our synodical leaders, all of whom had agreed that since S.L.B.I. received no allocation from the synod, therefore this gift would be very fitting.

When the members of the Board with hearty and glowing unanimity voted in favor of this gift all I could say was "Thank you." S.L.B.I. has been in a difficult position financially this summer. Much prayer has gone up to God about this matter. Certainly this gift is a part of His answer to these prayers.

The Board began to work on the 1946 theme the first day. But came the last day of our meeting, and all the themes had been proposed were found wanting. We learned that two of the members of the



Pastor Oscar C. Hanson, Executive Secretary of the International Young People's Luther League will attend the Worker's Conferences throughout the District. These are scheduled to start October 7th.

group had spent most of Thursday night parrying about it. As we were discussing what we wanted in our theme, suddenly out of all our desires there stood out the words: "Christ Wants You." Rejoicing we sang the doxology.

Now as we continue our work of holding and winning young people for Christ, let us each one remember that *Christ Wants You*. Remember that *Christ Wants You* to be praying much that His will might be done and the cause of the Gospel furthered on earth.

Christ Wants You. What is your response?

—G. O. Evenson.

"Faith in Action Project"

Circuits	AMT.
Prince Albert	\$174.73
Edmonton	45.00
Swift Current	35.21
Southern Alberta	28.00
Peace River	28.35
Saskatoon	65.02
Moose Jaw	129.84
Camrose	44.00
District Convention 1944	51.83
Personal	65.00
Total	\$666.98

How have the contributions to the Faith in Action Project of the Luther League been coming in? This is a question which I have been called upon to answer on several occasions. It is a question which you should all be interested in. After all, it is your project.

You will notice in the statement printed above that a total of \$666.98 has been received since the fund was started in 1944. This does not mean that we have that amount on hand at the present time. A total of \$130.60 has been spent to carry out the program adopted last year. An additional \$25.35 has been set aside, to be used for the Workers Conferences which we hope to have this fall. This leaves a total of \$505.03.

Within a few weeks (perhaps before this article reaches you) we will be supporting three Parish Workers. This will require an expenditure of \$105.00 per month. The only way we can carry out this part of the Faith in Action Program is by your support of the work. Has your league given a contribution to this project this year? Will you ask about it at your next meeting? Remember, this is one way in which we as Young People can take an active part in furthering the Kingdom of God in our midst.

Marvin B. Odland,
District treasurer.

Prayer

O God, let me not be
A foolish virgin with a tarnished lamp,
Careless of the time.

—Elizabeth Wildt, Maryland.

The most expensive piece of furniture
in the church is the empty pew!

YOUNG PEOPLE'S LUTHER LEAGUE

G. Loken, Editor, Outlook, Sask.

Bible Camp Reports

Splendid Bible Camp reports have been received from all but two of our circuits. Unfortunately, space does not permit that these be used in full in this issue. As a departure from the usual type of reports, your editor has prepared the summary which follows on the basis of submitted reports.

The guest speaker for Hastings Lake Bible Camp was asked to submit an article for the Shepherd. We recommend to you Pastor Abrahamson's article entitled "AFTERTHOUGHTS" — an evaluation of our Bible Camp work. This article appears elsewhere in this issue of the SHEPHERD.

We should appreciate receiving constructive suggestions from workers in our Bible Camp movement. Are our Bible Camps to be strictly Luther League camps appealing to teen aged youth and those older people who are still young in spirit? Many speakers this year had to face the problem of expounding the Word to very immature children and mature youth in one and the same class. Does it work? Recreation leaders had the problem of providing organized games and sports for age groups whose interests and skills vary tremendously. Can this be done with any measure of success? Shall we permit our Bible Camps to replace parochial schools?

Let's be hearing from you Bible Camp workers and others who are interested. Perhaps we can occasionally use this page as a clearing house for some of our Bible Camp problems.

—G. L.

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Estimated Totals registered 1000 days 75

Prince Albert YPLL Convention

The Prince Albert Circuit Luther League Convention was held at Robinhoo, Sask., Pastor John Precht's charge, August 2—5. The convention opened Thursday evening, with a song and prayer service, led by Pastor G. O. Evenson, guest speaker for the convention. The Bible study periods each day were conducted by Dr. O. K. Storaasli of Saskatoon. He led in a study of "Philippians", which he characterized as the Joy-book of the Bible. He chose as his theme: "The Christian Life — a Life of Joy".

The theme of the convention was, "Christ is the Answer" and many fine topics were presented by various leaguers from the circuit. Leaguers from the Birch Hills parish, under the leadership of Arnold Hagen, discussed the topics, "Christ talks to me — in my Bible reading, in church worship, and through prayer." These topics were presented Friday morning and stressed the thought that unless we listen to Christ, spiritual starvation will be the result.

Friday afternoon, leaguers from the North Battleford and Parkside parishes, under the leadership of Pastor Precht, discussed the topics, "Christ teaches me — in Bible study, in stewardship education, and in temperance." Leaguers from the Weldon parish, led by Lucille Hanson, discussed the topic, "Christ advises me — as to how do I know that I am a Christian? How shall I spend my leisure time, and How shall I develop my talents?" In every case, Christ is Himself the Answer.

Saturday morning, leaguers from the Bagley and Crooked River parishes, led by Pastor Stolee, presented the topic, "Christ points me to others — Leaguers in the armed forces, a Home Mission program, and a World-wide mission program." Sunday afternoon, leaguers from the Prince Albert parish, led by Pastor Dahle, discussed the topic, Christ puts me to work — my Luther League, in my everyday life, and in doing personal work." That which is important is that leaguers live in such a way that others may see Christ in them.

At the evening sessions, challenging messages were brought by the guest speaker, Pastor G. O. Evenson, Dean of Saskatchewan Lutheran Bible Institute, Outlook. He spoke on Is. 1:18, "Come Now", Matt. 11:28, "Come unto me", and Mark 1:17 "Come ye after Me." He invited his hearers to come to Christ's school where Christ is the teacher. Faithfulness in that school, brings one to a graduation where Christ Himself hands out the diplomas. The alternative is to be in Satan's school, and each individual makes his own choice.

The Choral Union, under the direction of Mrs. Ocelia Asals, gave a concert Sunday afternoon, and other musical numberst were given by various young people of the circuit. Norman Dahl, Birch Hills, was elected as choral union director for the circuit, and expressions of thanks were given to Mrs. Asals for her untiring work with the choirs these many years.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President — Arnold Hagen of Hagen, Sask.; Vice president — Johan Arndt Hesje, Crooked River; Corresponding Secretary — Norma Gjesdal, Prince Albert; Recording Secretary — Rose Wood, Robinhoo; Treasurer — Albert Moe, Parkside; and Pocket Testament League Secretary — Victor Johnson, Weldon.

The Choral Union elected Pastor J. T. Dahle as president, Helen Hagen as Secretary, Norman Dahl as Director, and Alice Stalwick as accompanist.

Among the resolutions adopted, the following should be called to the attention of every leaguer: — "We strongly urge that every Luther League publicize and wholeheartedly support the Circuit Workers' Conference to be held in November, and have their Luther League represented at the conference by the entire executive."

"Be it resolved, That we most emphatically protest against the unwholesome recreation which is being promoted by the S.R.M., i.e. the Saskatchewan Recreational Movement." "Be it further resolved, That we protest against the liquor traffic and the fact that the sugar ration to the distilleries and breweries was not reduced in proportion to that of civilian consumption." Leaguers are urged to give whole-hearted support to the work of the Temperance forces in Saskatchewan.

Mrs. Dahle and Hanna Haugen.

Moose Jaw Circuit YPLL Convention

This Luther League convention was held on July 13—15th, three miles west of Midale on the Ed. Martinson farm. The theme "Christ is the Answer" was very well presented in papers by the leaguers and the pastors that took part. Rev. E. O. Gilbertson of Crosby, North Dakota was the guest speaker. Arthur Dahlman of Congress was elected president, succeeding Arnold Pederson of Torquay. The circuit is grateful to Mr. Pederson for what he has done during his terms in office.

—S. B.

Gratitude

O Thou Who seest my need,
Who knowest my heart's full pain,
Who hearest the cry of my agonized soul,
I would praise and thank Thee again.

I thank Thee for Thy mercy,
For all Thy tender care,
Thou blowest the clouds of despair away,
And maketh the world more fair.

—Mary Ellen Stein.